

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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Sex Selective Abortions

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government is aware of the dismal sex ratio in the country;
- (b) if so, the steps taken/being to improve the sex ratio including the registration of birth of girl child by parents;
- (c) whether the Government has initiated a mobile team under Pre- Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC&PNDT) Act to prevent pre-natal diagnostic, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the cases of female foeticide leased on sex determination case have come to the notice of the Government; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a): As per the information received from Office of the Registrar General of India (RGI) the sex ratio (females per 1000 males) of total population by residence has shown growth from 933 females per 1000 males in 2001 to 943 females per 1000 males in 2011.

(b): The Civil Registration System is being implemented by the RGI under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969. As per information received from RGI, the number of registered female births has increased to 10636276 in 2013 from 9463528 in 2012 as compared to male births of 11844107 in 2013 and 10425752 in 2012. RGI persuades states regularly to capture all births and increase the registration level.

Further, Government has also adopted a multi-pronged strategy entailing schemes and programmes and awareness generation/advocacy measures to build a positive environment for the girl child through gender sensitive policies, provisions and legislation. The details of important measures are enclosed in Annexure - I

(c): No.

(d) & (e): As per information received from National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 50 cases were reported under female foeticide in 2014. State/UT-wise data of cases registered for offence relating to female foeticide are at Annexure-II.